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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No. 10/816,482	Applicant(s) PEMER, FREDERICK A.	
	Examiner Son L. Mai	Art Unit 2827	

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 October 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4,6-10 and 12-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 17-28 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,9 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2,4,6-8 and 12-16 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)             | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)    | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____  |
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### DETAILED ACTION

1. The amendment filed 10-28-05 has been entered. Accordingly claims 1-4, 6-10, and 12-28 are pending. It is noted that the Applicant incorrectly stated in the Remarks that claims 1-4, 6-11, 13-28 are pending.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1, 3, 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Watanabe (U.S. Patent 6,584,011).

Regarding claim 1, Watanabe teaches a resistance change sensor (figure 10A), comprising: a first input (line DL) connected to a first resistance (1-0), the first resistance variable between a low resistance and a high resistance (column 2, first paragraph); a second input (line /DL) connected to a second resistance (1-1), the second resistance variable between a low resistance and a high resistance; a resistance detector (7-1) for sensing a resistive change in at least one of the first resistance and the second resistance.

Regarding claim 3, Watanabe also teaches the first resistance (1-0) is one of a high resistance and a low resistance, and the second resistance (1-1) is the other of the high resistance and the low resistance (column 2, lines 30-35).

Regarding claim 9, Watanabe teaches a magnetic sensing device (figure 10A) comprising: a first sensor input (line DL) connected to a first tunneling magneto-resistive (TMJ) cell (element 1-0 in figure 10A), the first TMJ cell including a first resistance; a second sensor input (line /DL) connected to a second TMJ cell (element 1-1 in figure 10A), the second TMJ cell including a second resistance, the second TMJ formed complimentary to the first MTJ cell (column 2, lines 30-35); and a detector (7-1) for sensing a change in resistance of the first TMJ cell and the second TMJ cell.

Regarding claim 10, Watanabe teaches that the first TMJ cell is a first MRAM cell, and the second TMJ cell is a second MRAM cell (column 1, lines 18-21).

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

4. Claims 17-28 are allowed.
5. Claims 2, 4, 6-8, and 12-16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

#### ***Response to Arguments***

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-4, 6-11, 13-28 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.
7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP

§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Son L. Mai whose telephone number is 571-272-1786. The examiner can normally be reached on 8am to 6pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amir Zarabian can be reached on 571-272-1852. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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